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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

- - - - - - - - - x In re: Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653 (KRH) e<u>t</u> <u>al</u>., Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - - x

DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ORDER UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363 AND 503 AND BANKRUPTCY RULES 2002 AND 6004 (A) AUTHORIZING SELLER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA SUBJECT TO HIGHER OR OTHERWISE BETTER BIDS, (B) APPROVING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, (C) APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL INTERESTS AND (D) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Circuit City Stores, Inc. (the "Seller," and collectively with the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned jointly administered cases, the "Debtors") hereby move (the "Motion"), pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 503 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002 and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order (the "Sale Order") (A) authorizing the Seller to enter into the Agreement (as defined herein), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to the Sale Order, with the Purchaser (as defined herein) for the sale (the "Sale") of certain of the Seller's real property located at 1325 West Corporate Court, Lithia Springs, Georgia (the "Property"), subject to higher or otherwise better

The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

proposals, (B) approving the Expense Reimbursement (as defined below) in connection therewith, (C) approving the Sale free and clear of all Liens (as defined below) and (D) granting related relief. In support of the Motion, the Seller respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363 and 503 and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 6004.

BACKGROUND

A. The Bankruptcy Cases.

- 3. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition

 Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this

 Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. The Debtors continue as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.

- 5. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). To date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- authorized the Debtors, among other things, to conduct going out of business sales at the Debtors' remaining 567 stores pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales pursuant to the Agency Agreement at the Debtors' remaining stores. The going out of business sales concluded on or about March 8, 2009.

RELIEF REQUESTED

7. By this Motion, the Seller seeks entry of the Sale Order (A) authorizing the Seller to enter into the Agreement in connection the Sale of the Property, subject to higher or otherwise better proposals, (B) approving the Expense Reimbursement in

connection therewith, (C) approving the Sale of the Property free and clear of all Liens, and (D) granting related relief.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

8. As more fully set forth below, after a comprehensive review, the Seller believes that the Sale of the Property represents its best opportunity under the circumstances to maximize the value of the Property. Therefore, the Sale of the Property is in the best interests of its estate and stakeholders.

A. The Property.

9. The Seller owns the Property, the site of a 65,000 square foot industrial building built in 2001. Prior to commencing the going out of business sales, Seller used the Property as a call and service center.

B. Events Leading To The Sale.

10. In light of the failure to obtain any going concern bids and the decision to liquidate the Debtors' inventory through going out of business sales, the Seller has been left with various assets -- including the Property -- for which it has no remaining use. However, the sale of such assets, including the

Sale of the Property, could result in recovery of significant proceeds for the Seller's estate and creditors.

the going out of business sales, the Seller, along with its real estate advisor, DJM Realty, LLC ("DJM"), has been marketing the Property. As a result of these marketing efforts, the Seller received various proposals to purchase the Property. Upon reviewing these proposals, the Seller determined that the proposal submitted by the Purchaser (as defined below) was materially higher or otherwise better than the alternate proposals received. Thus, the Seller elected to proceed with the Sale of the Property to the Purchaser.

C. The Agreement.

12. On August 5, 2009, the Seller entered into the Agreement³ by and between the Seller and Axion Holdings, LLC (the "Purchaser").

³ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

- 13. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Seller has agreed to sell the Property to the Purchaser for \$1.5 million (the "Purchase Price"), subject to higher or otherwise better proposals.
- 14. The significant terms of the Agreement are as follows:⁴
- (a) <u>General Terms</u>. The Purchaser would acquire the Property, consisting solely of the Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Property, together with all the rights and appurtenances pertaining thereto and all personal property, equipment, supplies and fixtures contained thereon and therein and used in connection with the operation of such property.
- (b) <u>Sale</u>. The Property would be sold free and clear of all liens (including the liens of the Seller's post-petition lenders and liens for past-due real property taxes), claims and encumbrances (collectively, the "Liens"), except for (i) liens for real property taxes and assessments that are not yet due and payable, (ii) zoning ordinances, building codes and other land use laws and applicable governmental regulations, (iii) all covenants, agreements, conditions, easements, restrictions and rights, of record and (iv) any and all matters that would be shown by a current survey of the Property (collectively, the "Permitted Encumbrances").
- (c) <u>Bankruptcy Court Approval</u>. The Sale of the Property would be subject to approval by this Court and competitive bidding pursuant to the Bidding Procedures (as defined below).

In the event of any discrepancy between the Agreement and this summary of the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement are controlling.

- (d) $\underline{\text{Purchase Price}}$. The Purchase Price to be paid by the Purchaser for the Property would be \$1.5 million.
- (e) <u>Deposit</u>. In accordance with the Agreement, the Purchaser will deliver to Chicago Title Insurance Company the amount of \$250,000 (the "Deposit"). If the Sale is consummated under the Agreement, the Deposit shall be applied to the Purchase Price. If the Agreement is terminated prior to Closing of the Sale because of the Purchaser's breach of the Agreement (on the terms as provided in the Agreement), the Seller would be entitled to retain the Deposit as the Seller's sole recourse.
- (f) <u>Documentation</u>. The Sale would be effected pursuant to the Agreement and related documentation.
- (g) Representations And Warranties. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Seller would provide certain standard representations and warranties relating to the Sale of the Property and the Purchaser would provide representations and warranties generally standard in a transaction of this type. The representations and warranties of the Seller would expire and be extinguished at the Closing. The representations and warranties of the Purchaser would survive indefinitely following the Closing or the termination of the Agreement.
- (h) <u>Closing</u>. The closing of the Sale of the Property (the "Closing") shall occur on the date which is five (5) days after the later of (i) the expiration of the due diligence period or (ii) the date of entry by the Court of the Sale Order.
- (i) <u>Termination</u>. The Agreement could be terminated prior to Closing in the following circumstances: (i) by the Purchaser, if an action is initiated to take any material portion of the Property by eminent domain proceedings, (ii) by the Purchaser, in the event that the Seller shall fail to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, (iii) by the

Seller, in the event that the Purchaser shall fail to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, (iv) by the Seller, in order to permit the Seller to accept a higher or better offer for the Property pursuant to the Bidding Procedures.

D. Expense Reimbursement.

- 15. The Seller has agreed to reimburse the Purchaser for its actual, reasonable, verifiable and documented third-party out-of-pocket costs and expenses in an amount not greater than \$25,000 (the "Expense Reimbursement") if, and only if (i) the Purchaser is not in breach of or default under the Agreement and (ii) the Seller consummates the Sale of the Property with a higher or otherwise better bidder following the Auction (as defined herein) and upon approval by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 16. The Purchaser has expended, and likely will continue to expend, considerable time, money, and energy pursuing the Sale and has engaged in arm's length and good faith negotiations regarding a possible sale of the Property. The Agreement is the culmination of these efforts.
- 17. In recognition of this expenditure of time, energy, and resources, the Seller has agreed to

the Expense Reimbursement. Specifically, the Agreement provides for, and the Seller respectfully requests that the Sale Order approve, the Expense Reimbursement payable by the Seller to the Purchaser in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 if the Seller terminates the Agreement to close an alternate transaction, so long as the Purchaser is not in breach of the Agreement.

- Expense Reimbursement is fair and reasonable in view of

 (a) the analysis, due diligence investigation, and

 negotiation that has been undertaken by the Purchaser in

 connection with the Sale and (b) the fact that the

 Purchaser's efforts would maximize the value of the

 Property for the benefit of all stakeholders, whether as

 a result of consummating the Sale pursuant to the

 Agreement or by generating a higher or otherwise better

 offer.
- 19. The Purchaser is unwilling to keep open its offer to purchase the Property under the terms of the Agreement unless this Court authorizes payment of the Expense Reimbursement. Thus, absent entry of the Sale Order with approval of the Expense Reimbursement,

the Seller may lose the opportunity to obtain what it believes to be the highest or otherwise best offer for the Property. And, as described below, the Agreement is subject to higher or otherwise better proposals.

Approving the Expense Reimbursement will thus commit the Purchaser to purchase the Property under the Agreement, and the Agreement would serve to start any additional bidding for the Property at a fair and reasonable purchase price.

20. Payment of the Expense Reimbursement will not diminish the Seller's estate. The Seller would not expect to pay the Expense Reimbursement unless it does so to accept an alternate proposal, which would result in even greater value to the Seller's estate and its stakeholders. This is particularly true given the Initial Minimum Overbid requirement (as defined below), which ensures that other proposals represent higher or otherwise better offers for the Property taking into account payment of the Expense Reimbursement. The Seller thus requests that this Court authorize payment of the Expense Reimbursement to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

E. The Bidding Procedures.

- 21. To ensure that the Seller receives the highest or otherwise best proposal for the Property, the Seller will entertain alternate proposals for the Sale of the Property pursuant to the procedures set forth below (the "Bidding Procedures"). The Seller accordingly requests that this Court order that any parties, including those parties that previously submitted proposals, who wish to submit an alternate proposal for consideration by the Debtors be required to do so by August 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Bid Deadline"). All bids are to be sent to the following parties:
- (1) Circuit City Stores, Inc., 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060, Attn: Jim Marcum (Jim_Marcum@ccswinddown.com);
- (2) Counsel to the Seller, Gregg M. Galardi
 and Ian S. Fredericks, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher &
 Flom LLP, One Rodney Square, P.O. Box 636, Wilmington,
 DE 19801 (gregg.galardi@skadden.com) and
 ian.fredericks@skadden.com);
- (3) Counsel to the Creditors' Committee, Jeff Pomerantz, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067-4100, (jpomerantz@pszjlaw.com); and
- (4) DJM Realty Services, LLC, 445 Broadhollow Road, Suite 225, Melville, New York 11747, Attn: James Avallone, Fax: (631) 752-1231 (javallone@djmrealty.com).

- 22. If the Seller receives any Qualified Bids (as defined herein), the Seller would hold an auction (the "Auction") on August 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 1440 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., or telephonically The Seller will advise the Purchaser and all other parties that submitted a Qualified Bid of the Auction.
- 23. At the conclusion of any Auction, the Seller, in consultation with its advisors (and representatives of the Creditors' Committee), would determine which bid constitutes the highest or otherwise best bid (the "Successful Bid").
- 24. Following the Auction, if any, the Seller intends to proceed with a hearing to approve the Sale of the Property on August 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

 (ET) (the "Sale Hearing").
- 25. If no Qualified Bids other than the bid of the Purchaser are received, the Seller would proceed with the Sale to the Purchaser following entry of the Sale Order. If the Seller receives additional Qualified Bids, then at the Sale Hearing, the Seller would seek

approval of the Successful Bid, as well as the second highest or best Qualified Bid (the "Alternate Bid," and such bidder, the "Alternate Bidder"). A bid would not be deemed accepted by the Seller unless and until approved by the Court.

- 26. Following approval of the Sale to the Successful Bidder, if the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the sale for specified reasons, then the Alternate Bid would be deemed to be the Successful Bid and the Seller would be permitted to effectuate a sale to the Alternate Bidder without further order of the Court.
- 27. To ensure that only bidders with a serious interest in the purchase of the Property participate in the bidding process, the Seller would only consider the "Qualified Bids" of "Qualified Bidders." To be considered a "Qualified Bid" and a "Qualified Bidder" for purposes of the Auction, the person or entity submitting the bid would be required to submit an offer by the Bid Deadline that includes:
 - (a) an executed copy of the Agreement marked to show those amendments and modifications to the Agreement that the

- Qualified Bidder proposes (such modified Agreement, a "Marked Agreement"), including modifications to the Purchase Price, which price must be at least \$1,550,000.00 (the "Initial Minimum Overbid");
- (b) the potential bidder and the officer(s)
 or authorized agent(s) who will appear on
 behalf of such bidder;
- (c) a statement that the bid shall not be conditioned on the outcome of unperformed due diligence by the bidder or any financing contingency;
- (d) a good faith deposit (the "Good Faith
 Deposit") equal to \$250,000 plus ten (10)
 percent of the amount the bid exceeds the
 Purchase Price in cash;
- (e) an acknowledgement that the bidder's offer is irrevocable until two (2) business days after the Closing of the Sale of the Property; and
- (f) an acknowledgement that, in the event the bidder is the Alternate Bidder, the bidder will proceed with the purchase of the Property pursuant to the terms the Marked Agreement.
- 28. The Seller reserves the right to
- (i) determine in its reasonable discretion (after consultation with representatives of the Creditors' Committee) which offer is the highest or otherwise best offer for the Property; (ii) reject at any time prior to the Closing of a Sale, without liability, any offer that

the Seller in its reasonable discretion (after consultation with representatives of the Creditors' Committee) deems to be (x) inadequate or insufficient, (y) not in conformity with the requirements of the Bidding Procedures or applicable law or (z) contrary to the best interests of the Seller and its estate; (iii) re-open the Auction, (iv) withdraw the Property from the Auction, (v) waive the requirements of any of the Bidding Procedures with respect to a potential or Qualified Bidder if the Seller determines, in its business judgment (after consultation with representatives of the Creditors' Committee), it is in the best interests of its estate and creditors, and (vi) establish bid increments at the Auction, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee. The Purchaser has agreed to all of the terms of the Bidding Procedures, including (without limitation) the terms (e) and (f) of the Qualified Bid requirements.

29. Objections to the Sale, if any, must be filed and served no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET) on August 20, 2009.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

- I. APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY IS WARRANTED UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 363(b)(1).
- 30. As set forth above, Bankruptcy Code section 363(b)(1) authorizes a trustee to "use, sell, or lease" property of the estate with the Court's approval.

 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1). Assets of the Debtors may be sold outside of the ordinary course of business, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363(b)(1), if a sound business purpose exists for doing so. In re WBQ

 P'ship, 189 B.R. 97, 102 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1995)(citing Stephens Indus., Inc. v. McClung, 789 F.2d 386, 390 (6th Cir. 1986)); see also In re W.A. Mallory Co., Inc., 214

 B.R. 834, 836 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1997).
- 31. To satisfy the "sound business purpose test," the debtor must demonstrate that (1) a sound business reason or emergency justifies a preconfirmation sale; (2) the sale was proposed in good faith; (3) the purchase price is fair and reasonable; and (4) adequate and reasonable notice of the sale has been provided. In re WBQ P'ship, 189 B.R. at 102.

- 32. Based upon the results of their analysis, the Seller's management and advisors have concluded that the Sale of the Property pursuant to the Agreement or a higher or otherwise better offer would maximize the value of the Property for the Seller's estate.

 Maximizing asset value is a sound business purpose that warrants authorizing the proposed Sale.
- 33. The Sale of the Property will be subject to competing bids, thereby enhancing the Seller's ability to receive the highest or otherwise best value for the Property. Consequently, the fairness and reasonableness of the consideration to be received by the Seller will ultimately be demonstrated by a "market check" through the auction process, which is the best means for establishing whether a fair and reasonable price is being paid.
- 34. Moreover, the Seller proposes to provide adequate notice of the Auction and the Sale Hearing as set forth below. In light of the circumstances, such notice is reasonably calculated to provide timely and adequate notice to the Seller's major creditor constituencies, those parties most interested in these

cases, those parties potentially interested in bidding on the Property and others whose interests are potentially implicated by the proposed Sale.

II. THE SALE PROCESS IS REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE.

- 35. Bankruptcy Code section 363(b)(1)
 provides that "[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing,
 may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary
 course of business, property of the estate." 11 U.S.C.
 § 363(b)(1). Moreover, Bankruptcy Code section 105(a)
 provides that "[t]he Court may issue any order, process,
 or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry
 out the provisions of this title." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).
- 36. The disposition of the Property pursuant to the terms reflected in the Agreement resulted from the bids submitted for the Property, pursuant to a marketing process led by DJM. Conducting a marketing process through a third party broker represents an accepted method of selling property. Similar marketing processes have been approved previously in this case and in other chapter 11 cases. See, e.g., In re Circuit City Stores, Inc., Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)(Bankr. E.D. Va. Mar. 20, 2009) (D.I. 2710); Ready v. Rice, 2006 WL

- 4550188 at *3 (D. Md. 2006); see also In re Reading

 Broadcasting, Inc., 386 B.R. 562, 571-72 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2008); In re King-Wilson, 1998 WK 737887 at *4-5 (N.D. Cal. 1998).
- 37. In addition, bid procedures similar those Bid Procedures outlined above have been approved by this Court in this case. See, e.g., In re Circuit City

 Stores, Inc., Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)(Bankr. E.D. Va.

 Mar. 3, 2009) (D.I. 2401).
- 38. Finally, other interested parties have been and will be provided with an opportunity to submit higher or otherwise better proposals and, if necessary, the Seller will conduct an auction.
- 39. In light of the foregoing, the Seller submits that the sale process is reasonable and appropriate.

III. THE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED HEREIN IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED.

40. In connection with Sale of the Property, the Court should authorize the Seller to pay the Expense Reimbursement.

- Reimbursements and other bidding incentives are designed to compensate a potential acquirer who serves as a catalyst that may attract higher and better offers, and have been approved in bankruptcy to encourage bidding.

 See In re Ryan, 261 B.R. 867, 870 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2001). Expense Reimbursements can be advantageous to both buyers and sellers because they encourage bidding to ensure that sellers receive the highest or otherwise best offer while compensating the buyer for the risk of being outbid. See id.
- administrative expense claim against the estate if they satisfy the standard of section 503(b)(1). In re Tropea, 352 B.R. 766, 768 (Bankr. N.D.W.Va. 2006). Thus, the fee must reflect the actual and necessary cost of preserving the estate. See 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1). See also In re Tropea, 352 B.R. at 768. In Calpine Corp. v. O'Brien Envtl. Energy, Inc. (In re O'Brien Envtl. Energy, Inc.), 181 F.3d 527 (3d Cir. 1999), the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit explained how the section 503(b)(1) standard applied to Expense

Reimbursements. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals held that even though bidding incentives are measured against a business judgment standard in non-bankruptcy transactions, the administrative expense provisions of Bankruptcy Code section 503(b) govern in the bankruptcy context. Accordingly, to be approved, bidding incentives must provide some post-petition benefit to the debtor's estate. See id. at 533; see also In re

Lamb, 2002 WL 31508913 (Bankr. D. Md. 2002) (implicitly adopting the administrative expense standard set forth in O'Brien).

43. The O'Brien Court identified at least two instances in which bidding incentives may provide benefit to the estate. First, benefit may be found if "assurance of a break-up fee promoted more competitive bidding, such as by inducing a bid that otherwise would not have been made and without which bidding would have been limited." Id. at 537. Second, when the availability of bidding incentives induce a bidder to research the value of the debtor and submit a bid that serves as a minimum or floor bid on which other bidders can rely, "the bidder may have provided a benefit to the

estate by increasing the likelihood that the price at which the [asset] is sold will reflect its true worth."

Id.

- the Expense Reimbursement in the event that the
 Purchaser is not ultimately the Successful Bidder. The
 proposed Expense Reimbursement is appropriate under
 Bankruptcy Code section 503 as it is fair and reasonable
 in amount, particularly in view of the efforts that will
 have to be expended by the Purchaser. Moreover, the
 Agreement, including the Expense Reimbursement provided
 for therein, will enable the Seller to secure an
 adequate floor for an auction and, thus, insist that
 competing bids be materially higher or otherwise better
 than the Purchase Price pursuant to the Agreement (as
 incorporated in the Initial Minimum Overbid requirement),
 a clear benefit to the Seller's estate.
- 45. In sum, the Seller's ability to offer the Expense Reimbursement enables it to ensure the Sale of the Property to a contractually-committed bidder at a price that they believe to be fair while, at the same

time, providing them with the potential of even greater benefit to the estates.

- 46. Thus, the Expense Reimbursement should be approved.
- IV. THE PURCHASER OR SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE PROTECTIONS OF SECTION 363(m) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGREEMENT SHOULD CARRY THE PROTECTIONS OF SECTION 363(m) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.
- 47. Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code provides:

The reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization under subsection (b) or (c) of this section of a sale or lease of property does not affect the validity of a sale or lease under such authorization to an entity that purchased or leased such property in good faith, whether or not such entity knew of the pendency of the appeal, unless such authorization and such sale or lease were stayed pending appeal.

11 U.S.C. § 363(m). While the Bankruptcy Code does not define "good faith," the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has "adopt[ed] the traditional equitable definition that has been adopted by various courts of appeal: 'one who purchases the assets for value, in good faith, and without notice of adverse claims.'" Willemain v. Kivitz, 764 F.2d 1019, 1023 (4th Cir. 1985)(citations omitted).

48. Section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code further provides, in relevant part, that:

The trustee may avoid a sale under this section if the sale price was controlled by an agreement among potential bidders at such sale, or may recover from a party to such agreement any amount by which the value of the property sold exceeds the price at which such sale was consummated, and may recover any costs, attorneys' fees, or expenses incurred in avoiding such sale or recovering such amount.

Purchaser has at all times acted in good faith.

Moreover, to the extent that the Property is sold to a Successful Bidder, it will be because of a well-planned competitive process and negotiations at arm's length to be conducted at an auction. Additionally, the Seller submits, and will present evidence at the Sale Hearing, that the Agreement reflects a negotiated, arm's length transaction. As a result of the foregoing, the Seller requests that the Court make a finding that the total consideration to be paid by the Purchaser or the Successful Bidder constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under any applicable law.

- 50. The Seller, therefore, requests that this Court make a finding that the Purchaser or the Successful Bidder, as the case may be, has purchased the Property in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. Further, the Seller requests that this Court make a finding that the Agreement or any purchase agreement reached as a result of the Bidding Procedures necessarily will comprise an arm's length, negotiated transaction entitled to the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. Because the Purchaser's or Successful Bidder's bid is not the product of fraud or collusion between the Purchaser or Successful Bidder and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders, the Seller furthers request that this Court make a finding that the transactions contemplated by the Agreement are not avoidable under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- V. THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL INTERESTS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 363(f).
- 51. To facilitate a sale of the Property, the Seller requests authorization to sell the Property free

and clear of any and all Liens that may be asserted against such Property, except the Permitted Encumbrances.

- 52. Under section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy
 Code, a debtor in possession may sell property free and
 clear of any interest in such property if, among other
 things:
 - (1) applicable nonbankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interest;
 - (2) such entity consents;
 - (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which such property is sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such property;
 - (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or
 - (5) such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.

11 U.S.C. § 363(f).

- 53. Section 363(f) permits the sale of estate property free and clear of interests if any one of the five conditions above is met. <u>See</u>, <u>e.g.</u>, <u>In re Laines</u>, 352 B.R. 410, 414-15 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2005).
- 54. Courts have held that the authority of a debtor to sell assets free and clear of interests is

broad and should be read expansively. See In re TWA,

Inc., 322 F.3d 283, 289 (3d Cir. 2003); see also United

Mine Workers of Am. 1992 Benefit Plan v. Leckie

Smokeless Coal Co. (In re Leckie Smokeless Coal Co.), 99

F.3d 573, 582 (4th Cir. 1996) (holding that the phrase

"any interest in property" includes more than just in

rem interests); In re P.K.R. Convalescent Centers, Inc.,

189 B.R. 90, 94 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1995)("As the plain

meaning of the statute demonstrates, § 363 covers more

situations than just sales involving liens."). Moreover,

courts have noted that the purpose of the "free and

clear" language is to allow the debtor to obtain a

maximum recovery on its assets in the marketplace. See

In re TWA, Inc., 2001 Bankr. LEXIS 723, at *8-*10 (Bankr.

D. Del. Mar. 27, 2001).

55. Accordingly, this Court should authorize the Seller to sell the Property free and clear of any and all Liens, except the Permitted Encumbrances, that may be asserted by any parties, with any such Liens attaching to the net proceeds of the sale of the Property in the same order and priority and subject to the same defenses as they exist against the Property.

- VI. WAIVER OF THE TEN-DAY STAY PROVIDED BY BANKRUPTCY RULE 6004 SHOULD BE WAIVED FOR ANY ORDER APPROVING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY.
- 56. Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) provides that:
 "[a]n order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of
 property of the estate is stayed until the expiration of
 10 days after entry of the order, unless the court
 orders otherwise." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(h).
- 57. The Seller requests that the Court waive the ten-day stay of Bankruptcy Rule 6004 with respect to the Sale of the Property following the entry of the Sale Order. By waiving such requirements, the Seller and the Purchaser or the Successful Bidder, as applicable, will be able to immediately close the Sale, which will result in immediate proceeds to the Seller's estate.
- 58. Accordingly, the stay under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) should be waived.

NOTICE

59. Notice of this Motion has been provided to those parties entitled to notice under the Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 102 and 105, Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 9007, and Local Bankruptcy Rules 2002-1 and 9013-1 Establishing Certain Notice,

Case Management, and Administrative Procedures (D.I. 130; the "Case Management Order"), as well as (a) all entities known to have expressed an interest in a transaction regarding the Property during the past three (3) months; and (b) all entities reasonably known to have a Lien on the Property; and (c) all federal, state, and local regulatory or taxing authorities or recording offices that have a reasonably known interest in the relief requested by the Motion. The Seller submits that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice need be given.

WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW

60. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 90131(G), and because there are no novel issues of law
presented in the Motion and all applicable authority is
set forth in the Motion, the Seller requests that the
requirement that all motions be accompanied by a
separate memorandum of law be waived.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

61. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this Court or any other court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Seller respectfully request that the Court (i) enter an Sale Order, substantially in the form annexed hereto, granting the relief requested herein, and (ii) such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: August 7, 2009
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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re: Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653 (KRH) et al., Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - x

ORDER UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363 AND 503 AND BANKRUPTCY RULES 2002 AND 6004 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE BY SELLER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS AND INTERESTS

Upon the motion (the "Motion") of Circuit City Stores, Inc. (the "Seller," and collectively with the

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned jointly administered cases, the "Debtors") for entry of an order pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 503 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002 and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), (A) authorizing the Seller to enter into the Agreement with Axion Holdings, LLC (the "Purchaser") for the sale (the "Sale") of certain of the Seller's real property located at 1325 West Corporate Court, Lithia Springs, Georgia (the "Property"), subject to higher or otherwise better proposals, (B) approving the Expense Reimbursement in connection therewith, (C) approving the Sale free and clear of all Liens and (D) granting related relief; and upon the record of the auction conducted on August 24, 2009 (the "Auction") and the hearing held on August 27, 2009 (the "Sale Hearing"); and after due deliberation thereon, and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

- A. The Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion and to grant the relief requested in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(b).
- B. Venue of these cases and the Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- C. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in the Motion are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363 and 503 and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 6004.
- D. The notice of the Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing given by the Seller constitutes due and sufficient notice thereof.
- E. The Bidding Procedures are reasonable and appropriate and represent the best method for maximizing the realizable value of the Property.

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

- F. A reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief in this Order has been afforded to all interested persons and entities.
- G. The Seller and its professionals

 marketed the Property and conducted a sale process as

 set forth in and in accordance with the Motion and the

 Bidding Procedures. Based upon the record of these

 proceedings, all creditors and other parties in interest

 and all prospective purchasers have been afforded a

 reasonable and fair opportunity to bid on the Property.
- H. The Seller has demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the Sale because, among other things, the Seller and its advisors diligently and in good faith analyzed all other available options in connection with the disposition of the Property and determined that (a) the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, (b) the transfer to the Purchaser of the Property pursuant thereto and (c) the Purchase Price agreed to by the Purchaser is fair and reasonable and constitutes the highest or otherwise best value obtainable for the Property.

- I. The Seller has full power and authority to execute the agreement submitted by the Purchaser, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement") and all other applicable documents contemplated thereby. The transfer and conveyance of the Property by the Seller have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary action of the Seller. Seller has all of the power and authority necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and has taken all action necessary to authorize and approve the Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby. No consents or approvals, other than those expressly provided for in the Agreement, are required for the Seller to consummate such transactions.
- J. The Agreement and the Sale of the Property were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Seller and the Purchaser at arms' length without collusion or fraud, and in good faith within the meaning of Sections 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Seller and the

Purchaser are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- K. Neither the Seller nor the Purchaser engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Agreement or the consummation of the Sale to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed, under Section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- L. The Purchase Price provided by the

 Purchaser for the Property is the highest and best offer

 received by the Seller, and the Purchase Price

 constitutes (a) reasonably equivalent value under the

 Bankruptcy Code and Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act,

 (b) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent

 Conveyance Act, and (c) reasonably equivalent value,

 fair consideration and fair value under any other

 applicable laws of the United States, any state,

 territory or possession, or the District of Columbia,

 for the Property.
- M. The Sale must be approved and consummated promptly to obtain the value provided under the terms of the Agreement.

- N. The transfer of the Property to the Purchaser is a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Property, and shall vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Seller to the Property free and clear of all liens (including the liens of the Seller's post-petition lenders and liens for past-due real property taxes), claims and encumbrances (collectively, the "Liens"), except for those items defined in the Agreement (and which are referred to hereinafter) as the "Permitted Encumbrances".
- O. If the Sale of the Property by the Seller were not free and clear of any Liens, except for the Permitted Encumbrances, as set forth in the Agreement and this Sale Order, or if the Purchaser would, or in the future could, be liable for any of the Liens, the Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the Sale contemplated by the Agreement, thus adversely affecting the Seller, its estate, and its stakeholders.
- P. The Seller may sell its interest in the Property free and clear of all Liens (except the Permitted Encumbrances) because, in each case, one or

more of the standards set forth in Bankruptcy Code sections 363(f)(1)-(5) has been satisfied. All holders of Liens, if any, who did not object or withdrew their objections to the Sale are deemed to have consented to the Sale pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(f)(2) and all holders of Liens are adequately protected by having their Liens, if any, attach to the cash proceeds of the Sale ultimately attributable to the property against or in which they claim an interest with the same priority, validity, force, and effect as they attached to such property immediately before the Closing of the Sale.

Q. Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, 3

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. Any and all objections to the Motion not waived, withdrawn, settled, adjourned or otherwise resolved herein are hereby overruled on the merits and denied with prejudice.

³ Statements made by the Court from the bench at the hearing on the Motion shall constitute additional conclusions of law and findings of fact as appropriate.

A. Approval Of The Agreement.

- 3. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363(b), the Agreement and all of the terms and conditions thereof are hereby approved.
- 4. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section

 363(b), the Seller is authorized and approved to perform

 its obligations under the Agreement and comply with the

 terms thereof and consummate the Sale in accordance with

 and subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- 5. The Seller is authorized, but not directed, to execute and deliver, and empowered to perform under, consummate, and implement all additional instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Agreement, and to take all further actions as may be requested by the Purchaser for the purpose of assigning, transferring, granting, conveying, and conferring to the Purchaser or reducing to possession the Property as contemplated by the Agreement.
- 6. This Sale Order and the Agreement shall be binding in all respects upon the Seller, all stakeholders (whether known or unknown) of the Seller,

all affiliates and subsidiaries of the Seller, and any subsequent trustees appointed in the Seller's chapter 11 case or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code. To the extent that any provision of this Sale Order is inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement, this Sale Order shall govern.

7. The Agreement and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto, in a writing signed by such parties, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of the Court; provided that any such modification, amendment, or supplement is disclosed to the Creditors' Committee and does not have a material adverse effect on the Seller's estate, in the good faith business judgment of the Seller.

B. Sale And Transfer Of The Property.

8. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections

363(b) and 363(f), upon the consummation of the

Agreement, the Seller's right, title, and interest in

the Property shall be transferred to the Purchaser free

and clear of all Liens except the Permitted Encumbrances,

with all such Liens to attach to the cash proceeds of

the Sale in the order of their priority, with the same validity, force, and effect which they had as against the Property immediately before such transfer, subject to any claims and defenses the Seller may possess with respect thereto.

9. If any person or entity which has filed financing statements, mortgages, mechanic's liens, lis pendens, or other documents or agreements evidencing Liens on or against the Property shall not have delivered to the Seller prior to the Closing of the Sale, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of all Liens that the person or entity has with respect to the Property, or otherwise, then (a) the Seller is hereby authorized to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases, and other documents on behalf of the person or entity with respect to the Property and (b) the Purchaser is hereby authorized to file, register, or otherwise record a certified copy of this Sale Order, which, once filed, registered, or otherwise recorded, shall constitute conclusive evidence of the release of all Liens on or

against the Property of any kind or nature whatsoever except for the Permitted Encumbrances.

This Sale Order (a) shall be effective as 10. a determination that, upon the Closing of the Sale, all Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever existing as to the Seller or the Property prior to the Closing of the Sale, except for the Permitted Encumbrances, have been unconditionally released, discharged, and terminated (other than any surviving obligations), and that the conveyances described herein have been effected and (b) shall be binding upon and shall govern the acts of all entities including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state, and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register, or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any of the Property.

11. All persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, governmental, tax, and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade stakeholders, and other stakeholders, holding Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever against or in the Seller or the Property, except the Permitted Encumbrances (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, senior or subordinated) arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Property prior to the Closing of the Sale, or the transfer of the Property to the Purchaser, hereby are forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from asserting against the Purchaser, its successors or assigns, its property, or the Property, such persons' or entities' Liens. Nothing in this Sale Order or the Agreement releases or nullifies any liability to a governmental agency under any environmental laws and regulations that any entity would be subject to as owner or operator of the Property after the date of entry of this Sale Order. Nothing in this Sale Order or the Agreement bars, estops, or enjoins any governmental agency from asserting or enforcing, outside the Court, any liability described in the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the above, nothing herein shall be construed to permit a governmental agency to obtain penalties from the Purchaser for days of violation of environmental laws and regulations prior to Closing.

C. Additional Provisions

- 12. The Purchase Price provided by the Purchaser for the Property under the Agreement is hereby deemed to constitute reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, and under the laws of the United States, and any state, territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia.
- 13. The Purchase Price provided by the Purchaser for the Property under the Agreement is fair and reasonable and the Sale may not be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Upon the Closing, this Sale Order shall be construed as and shall constitute for any and all

purposes a full and complete general assignment, conveyance, and transfer of the Property or a bill of sale transferring good and marketable title in the Property to the Purchaser pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

- Agreement are undertaken by the Seller and the Purchaser at arm's length, without collusion and in good faith, as that term is used in section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale of the Property shall not affect the validity of the Sale to the Purchaser, unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. The Purchaser is a purchaser in good faith, within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, of the Property and is, and shall be, entitled to all of the protections afforded by such section and in accordance therewith.
- 16. The failure specifically to include or to reference any particular provision of the Agreement in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the

effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Agreement be authorized and approved in its entirety.

17. If the Purchaser fails to close on the purchase of the Property in accordance with the terms of the Agreement due to no fault of the Seller and Seller is not in default of its obligations under such Agreement, then Seller's counsel shall file with the Court and serve upon the Purchaser, [____] (the "Alternate Bidder") and their counsel, a notice of such default, which shall include a copy of the Alternate Bidder's agreement upon which the Seller will then close, in which case (i) Seller shall be deemed authorized to close on the Sale of the Property with the Alternate Bidder on ten (10) days' advance written notice to the Alternate Bidder, and (ii) the Alternate Bidder shall be afforded all of the protections originally afforded to the Purchaser under this Sale Order and the findings herein as to adequacy and fairness of consideration paid and good faith shall be deemed to apply to the Alternate Bidder, its Alternate Bid, and its purchase and sale

agreement with the Seller, without the necessity of further order of this Court.

- the Property, if any, shall be returned to the bidders that submitted such deposits no later than two business days after the Closing of the Sale with the Purchaser (or the Alternate Bidder, as the case may be), except in the case of a bidder who closed on the Sale of the Property or who was required to close in accordance with the terms of this Sale Order but failed to do so in breach of its contractual obligations through no fault of the Seller.
- 19. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and shall not be stayed pursuant to Rule 6004(h).
- 20. The requirement under Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(G) to file a memorandum of law in connection with the Motion is hereby waived.
- 21. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction to interpret, construe, enforce, and implement the terms and provisions of this Sale Order, the Agreement, all amendments thereto, any waivers and consents thereunder,

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and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith in all respects, including, but not limited to, retaining jurisdiction to (a) compel delivery of the Property to the Purchaser, (b) compel delivery of the purchase price or performance of other obligations owed to the Seller pursuant to the Agreement, (c) resolve any disputes arising under or related to the Agreement, the Alternate Bid, and any deposit delivered to Seller by a bidder for the Property, (d) interpret, implement, and enforce the provisions of this Sale Order, and (e) protect the Purchaser against any Lien against the Seller or the Property of any kind or nature whatsoever, except for Permitted Encumbrances, which Liens, valid and timely perfected, shall attach to the proceeds of the Sale.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia
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CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley

Exhibit A

(Agreement)

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of August 5, 2009, is made by and between CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., a Virginia corporation ("Seller"), and AXION HOLDINGS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Purchaser").

RECITALS

Seller is a debtor in possession in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") that is pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division (the "Bankruptcy Court"). Upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Seller desires to sell and convey, and Purchaser desires to purchase and acquire, the Property (as defined below). This Agreement and the purchase and sale of the Property are subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. As contemplated by Section 9.2 of this Agreement, Seller will prepare and file the Sale Motion (as defined below) seeking approval of this Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and representations herein contained, intending to be legally bound, Seller and Purchaser agree as follows:

1. PURCHASE AND SALE

1.1 <u>Purchase and Sale</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Seller hereby agrees to sell and convey to Purchaser, and Purchaser hereby agrees to purchase from Seller, all of the Seller's right, title and interest in and to that certain improved property commonly known as 1325 West Corporate Court, Lithia Springs, Georgia and being more particularly described on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all the rights and appurtenances pertaining to such property (the "<u>Real Property</u>") and all personal property, equipment, supplies, and fixtures contained thereon and therein and used in connection with the operation of such property (the "<u>Personal Property</u>" and collectively with the Real Property, the "<u>Property</u>").

2. PURCHASE PRICE

2.1 <u>Purchase Price</u>. The purchase price (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") for the Property shall be ONE-MILLION FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00). At Closing (as defined below), the Purchase Price, less the Deposit (as defined below), shall be paid into the Escrow Agent's (as defined below) escrow account in cash by Purchaser by wire transfer in accordance with wire transfer

instructions to be provided by Escrow Agent, as adjusted by prorations and payment of expenses as herein provided.

3. DEPOSIT

- 3.1 <u>Deposit</u>. Within three (3) days following the complete execution of this Agreement, Purchaser shall deliver to Midtown Agency, Inc. ("<u>Escrow Agent</u>"), P.O. Box 250, 1430 Cardwell Road, Crozier, Virginia 23039, Attention: Pope Reed, by wire transfer or cashier's check payable to Escrow Agent, an amount equal to TWO-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) (the "<u>Deposit</u>") to be held by Escrow Agent in a non-interest-bearing account in a federally insured financial institution, or in such other non-interest-bearing account or investment as the parties hereto shall direct.
- If the sale of the Property is consummated 3.2 Application of Deposit. under this Agreement, at Closing, the Deposit shall be paid to Seller and applied to the payment of the Purchase Price. If Purchaser terminates this Agreement in accordance with Section 4.2, Section 4.3, Section 7.1, Section 7.2, or Section 8.1 hereof, or if Purchaser or Seller terminates this Agreement in accordance with Sections 9.4 or 9.6, the Deposit shall be returned promptly by Escrow Agent to Purchaser, and no party hereto shall have any further obligations under this Agreement except for such obligations that survive termination of this Agreement as expressly set forth in this Agreement (the "Survival Obligations"). If Seller terminates this Agreement in accordance with Section 8.2 or Section 10.11, Escrow Agent shall pay the Deposit to Seller, and no party hereto shall have any further obligations under this Agreement except for the Survival Obligations. Purchaser agrees to deliver to Seller copies of all Reports (as defined in Section 4.4 hereof) at the time the notice to terminate this Agreement is given. The obligation to deliver the Reports shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Purchaser shall not be entitled to the return of the Deposit from Escrow Agent until all Reports have been delivered to Seller.

4. PREPURCHASE MATTERS

4.1 Items Delivered.

(a) Seller has previously delivered to Purchaser those items within Seller's possession related to or affecting the Property (if any) to be used by Purchaser in conducting Purchaser's due diligence investigation of the Property during the Due Diligence Period.

- (b) Purchaser has previously delivered or will deliver to Seller within five (5) days following Seller's execution of this Agreement proof of available funds adequate to purchase the Property. In the event that Purchaser fails to deliver such proof within the foregoing specified period, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, the Deposit shall be returned promptly by Escrow Agent to Purchaser, and no party hereto shall have any further obligations under this Agreement except for the Survival Obligations.
- Purchaser shall have the right to have Seller's title 4.2 Title Examination. to the Property examined and shall give written notice to Seller during the period beginning on the date of this Agreement and ending on August 7, 2009 (the "Due Diligence Period") of any objection thereto; provided, however, Seller shall have no obligation to satisfy any such objections. Purchaser must elect, on or before the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, one of the following: (i) to waive any such objections that Seller has not agreed to satisfy at or prior to the Closing and to close the transaction in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; or (ii) to terminate this Agreement, in which event Escrow Agent shall promptly return the Deposit to Purchaser as Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy; provided, however, if Seller has agreed to cure or satisfy each such objection specified in the written notice, then no such election shall be required and Purchaser shall be obligated to close the transaction in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; provided, further, if Purchaser does not send a written notice of title objections prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period or does not make such an election on or before the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, then Purchaser shall be deemed to have waived irrevocably any and all title objections and shall be obligated to close the transaction in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 4.3 Property Inspection. Purchaser shall have through the last day of the Due Diligence Period to determine whether, in Purchaser's sole and absolute discretion, the Property is acceptable to Purchaser. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Purchaser may terminate this Agreement by giving notice of termination to Seller on or before the last day of the Due Diligence Period if Purchaser determines that the Property is not acceptable for any reason, in which event Escrow Agent shall promptly return the Deposit to Purchaser and the parties shall have no further rights or obligations hereunder, except for the Survival Obligations. If Purchaser does not give a notice of termination pursuant to Section 4.2 or this Section 4.3 at or prior to 5 p.m. (local time in Lithia Springs, Georgia) on the last day of the Due Diligence Period, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and Purchaser's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 4.2 and this Section 4.3 shall expire and be of no further force or effect.

Subject to the conditions set out in this Section 4.3, Purchaser shall have reasonable access to the Property during the Due Diligence Period for the purpose of conducting surveys, geotechnical, and environmental inspections and tests and any other inspections, studies, or tests reasonably required by Purchaser, all at Purchaser's sole expense. If any inspection or test disturbs the Property, Purchaser will (at its sole expense) restore the Property as soon as reasonably possible to the same condition as existed prior to any such inspection or test. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Purchaser will not do, or cause or direct to be done, any subsurface testing or boring, or any testing of subsurface water, or any coring, boring or other intrusive testing, without first obtaining Seller's prior written consent which Seller may give or withhold in its absolute discretion; provided, however, all other inspections of or entry upon the Property by Purchaser shall occur only with the consent of Seller, which consent shall not be withheld unreasonably. Purchaser hereby indemnifies Seller, and agrees to defend, protect and hold Seller harmless, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages and liabilities that may be asserted against or incurred by Seller for or in connection with any injuries or damage to any persons or property, which directly or indirectly are caused by or result from any entry, inspection, testing or other action done or caused or directed to be done by Purchaser or its representatives or contractors. Purchaser agrees to cause all parties entering the Property at Purchaser's instance to maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to cover risks of the type described herein and, upon Seller's request, to deliver to Seller evidence establishing to Seller's reasonable satisfaction that adequate and appropriate insurance to cover risks of the types described herein is being maintained.

All information provided by Seller to Purchaser or obtained 4.4 Reports. by Purchaser relating to the Property in the course of Purchaser's due diligence investigation, whether before or after the date of this Agreement (collectively, the "Reports"), shall be treated as confidential information and shall not be disclosed to any third parties except for Purchaser's attorneys, engineers, lenders, prospective tenants and other business associates who need to know the information in furtherance of this transaction, and then only if they agree to maintain the information in strict confidence as provided herein. Purchaser shall be liable to Seller for any unauthorized disclosure of the confidential information by or through Purchaser and for all damage or injury to any person or property resulting from, relating to or arising out of any due diligence investigation, whether occasioned by the acts of Purchaser or any of its employees, agents, representatives or contractors, and Purchaser shall indemnify and agrees to defend, protect and hold harmless Seller and its agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives and affiliates from any liability resulting therefrom. This Section 4.4 shall survive the Closing or the termination of this Agreement, as applicable.

- Purchaser's Representations and Warranties. Purchaser represents and warrants to Seller that (a) Purchaser is a limited liability company, duly organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of Georgia, is authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, and has the power to enter into this Agreement and to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform all of its duties and obligations hereunder, and Purchaser has obtained all necessary authorizations required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance contemplated by this Agreement and has obtained the consent of all entities and parties necessary to bind Purchaser to this Agreement; (b) neither the execution nor the delivery of this Agreement, nor the consummation of the purchase and sale contemplated hereby, nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement conflict with or will result in the breach of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any agreement or instrument to which Purchaser, or any partner or related entity or affiliate of Purchaser, is a party or by which Purchaser, any partner or related entity or affiliate of Purchaser, or any of Purchaser's assets is bound; and (c) this Agreement is the legal, valid and binding obligation of Purchaser and is enforceable against Purchaser in accordance with its terms. representations and warranties contained herein must be true and correct through the Closing Date, and Purchaser's failure to notify Seller prior to the Closing Date of any inaccuracies shall be a default by Purchaser under this Agreement. The Purchaser's representations and warranties set forth in this Section 4.5 shall survive the Closing or termination of this Agreement.
- 4.6 Seller's Representations and Warranties. Seller represents and warrants to Purchaser that (a) Seller is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; (b) Seller has the corporate power and authority to enter into, execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform all of its duties and obligations under this Agreement; (c) upon entry of the Sale Order (as defined below) in the Bankruptcy Case, this Agreement will be the legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller and will be enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms; and (d) at the Closing, Seller shall convey to Purchaser fee simple title to the Property, free and clear of liens (including the liens of Seller's postpetition lenders and liens for past-due real property taxes), claims and encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances. The representations and warranties contained in this Section 4.6 shall expire and be extinguished at the Closing.
- 4.7 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Seller and Purchaser agree to execute and deliver at or prior to Closing any documents or instruments reasonably necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

- 5. DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES BY SELLER; ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY
- Disclaimer. PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT SELLER HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY NEGATES AND DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES (OTHER THAN THE SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE AS SET OUT IN THE DEED, AS DEFINED BELOW), PROMISES, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY, ORAL OR WRITTEN, PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE, OF, AS TO, CONCERNING OR WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE VALUE, NATURE, QUALITY OR CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE WATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGY, (B) THE INCOME TO BE DERIVED FROM THE PROPERTY, (C) THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROPERTY FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AND USES WHICH PURCHASER OR ANY TENANT MAY CONDUCT THEREON, (D) THE COMPLIANCE OF OR BY THE PROPERTY OR ITS OPERATION WITH ANY LAWS, RULES, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OR BODY, (E) THE HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY, MARKETABILITY, PROFITABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE PROPERTY, (F) THE MANNER OR QUALITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OR MATERIALS, IF ANY, INCORPORATED INTO THE PROPERTY, (G) THE MANNER, QUALITY, STATE OF REPAIR OR LACK OF REPAIR OF THE PROPERTY, (H) COMPLIANCE WITH ANY ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED), INCLUDING THE EXISTENCE IN OR ON THE PROPERTY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (AS DEFINED BELOW) OR (I) ANY OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY. ADDITIONALLY, NO PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF SELLER IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE, AND BY EXECUTION HEREOF PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO PERSON HAS MADE, ANY REPRESENTATION, AGREEMENT, STATEMENT, WARRANTY, GUARANTY OR OR REGARDING THE PROPERTY THE CONTEMPLATED HEREIN: AND NO SUCH REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY, AGREEMENT, GUARANTY, STATEMENT OR PROMISE, IF ANY, MADE BY ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF SELLER SHALL BE VALID OR BINDING UPON SELLER UNLESS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN. PURCHASER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE PROPERTY, PURCHASER IS RELYING SOLELY ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPERTY AND NOT ON ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED BY SELLER AND AGREES TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY AT THE CLOSING AND WAIVE

ALL OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS AGAINST SELLER (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY RIGHT OR CLAIM OF CONTRIBUTION) ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE PROPERTY OR TO ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON THE PROPERTY. PURCHASER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY WAS OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES AND THAT MADE ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SELLER HAS NOT OR **AND MAKES** NO OF **SUCH INFORMATION VERIFICATION** REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ACCURACY, **TRUTHFULNESS** OR AS COMPLETENESS OF SUCH INFORMATION. SELLER IS NOT LIABLE OR BOUND IN ANY MANNER BY ANY VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT, REPRESENTATION OR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTY, OR THE OPERATION THEREOF, FURNISHED BY ANY REAL ESTATE BROKER, CONTRACTOR, AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SERVANT OR OTHER PERSON. PURCHASER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS MADE ON AN "AS IS" "WHERE IS" CONDITION AND BASIS WITH ALL FAULTS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE PURCHASE PRICE REFLECTS THAT THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD BY SELLER AND PURCHASED BY PURCHASER SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING. PURCHASER HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS SELLER FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL DEBTS, DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS, LIABILITIES, SUITS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, LOSSES, FEES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND COURT COSTS) IN ANY WAY RELATING TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF PURCHASER'S ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP, LEASING, USE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, PURCHASER SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO INDEMNIFY SELLER WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS ARISING PRIOR TO THE CLOSING AND ATTRIBUTABLE SOLELY TO SELLER'S CONDUCT. PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 5 SHALL SURVIVE THE CLOSING OR ANY TERMINATION HEREOF.

5.2 <u>Hazardous Materials</u>. "<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" shall mean any substance which is or contains (i) any "hazardous substance" as now or hereafter defined in §101 (14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.) ("<u>CERCLA</u>"), or any regulations promulgated under CERCLA; (ii) any "hazardous waste" as now or hereafter defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.)

("RCRA"), or regulations promulgated under RCRA; (iii) any substance regulated by the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.); (iv) gasoline, diesel fuel, or other petroleum hydrocarbons; (v) asbestos and asbestos containing materials, in any form, whether friable or non-friable; (vi) polychlorinated biphenyls; (vii) radon gas; and (viii) any additional substances or materials which are now or hereafter classified or considered to be hazardous or toxic under Environmental Requirements or the common law, or any other applicable laws relating to the Property. Hazardous Materials shall include, without limitation, any substance, the presence of which on the Property, (A) requires reporting, investigation or remediation under Environmental Requirements; (B) causes or threatens to cause a nuisance on the Property or adjacent property or poses or threatens to pose a hazard to the health or safety of persons on the Property or adjacent property; or (C) which, if it emanated or migrated from the Property, could constitute a trespass.

- 5.3 Environmental Requirements. "Environmental Requirements" shall mean all laws, ordinances, statutes, codes, rules, regulations, agreements, judgments, orders, and decrees, now or hereafter enacted, promulgated, or amended, of the United States, the states, the counties, the cities, or any other political subdivisions in which the Property is located, and any other political subdivision, agency or instrumentality exercising jurisdiction over the owner of the Property, the Property, or the use of the Property, relating to pollution, the protection or regulation of human health, natural resources, or the environment, or the emission, discharge, release or threatened release of pollutants, contaminants, chemicals, or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or waste or Hazardous Materials into the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, ground water or land or soil).
- 5.4 <u>Purchaser's Independent Investigations</u>. For all purposes of this Article 5, Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that Purchaser has been provided with adequate and sufficient access to the Property prior to the date of this Agreement, and Purchaser is entitled to access the Property during the Due Diligence Period, to conduct its own inspections, tests, investigations, environmental audits and other reviews of the Property as Purchaser deems necessary or appropriate, and Purchaser is relying on its own such inspections, tests, investigations, environmental audits and other reviews in determining the advisability of acquiring the Property.

6. CLOSING

6.1 <u>Closing</u>. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, the closing of the purchase and sale of the Property (the "<u>Closing</u>") shall be conducted by mail or, if necessary, held at a location to be mutually agreed upon by the parties, on the

date which is five (5) business days after the date of entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Sale Order (the date on which the Closing occurs is referred to as the "Closing Date").

- 6.2 <u>Possession</u>. Possession of the Property shall be delivered to Purchaser at the Closing, subject to (i) liens for real property taxes and assessments that are not yet due and payable, (ii) zoning ordinances, building codes and other land use laws and applicable governmental regulations, (iii) all covenants, agreements, conditions, easements, restrictions and rights, whether of record or otherwise, and (iv) any and all matters that would be shown by a physical inspection of the Property (collectively, the "Permitted Encumbrances").
- 6.3 <u>Prorations</u>. All real estate taxes and assessments, both general and special, for the year in which the Closing occurs, whether or not then due or payable, and all other normally proratable items shall be prorated as of the Closing Date, based upon the latest assessments or actual invoices available. Should any such proration be inaccurate based upon the actual tax bill or assessment when received, either party hereto may demand and shall be entitled to receive on demand, a payment from the other correcting such malapportionment. Seller shall pay all costs associated with any fees, taxes, impact fees, assessments, delinquent or otherwise, and any other land use charges attributable to a period prior to Closing.

The agreements of Seller and Purchaser set forth in this Section 6.3 shall survive the Closing.

- 6.4 <u>Closing Costs.</u> Purchaser shall pay all title examination costs, title insurance premiums, survey costs, environmental and engineering costs, and any and all other due diligence costs. Seller shall pay all transfer taxes imposed on the Deed (as defined below) pursuant to applicable law. Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall pay its own attorneys' fees. The parties shall each pay one-half (1/2) of any escrow fee charged by Escrow Agent; and, with regard to other costs of Closing, the parties shall bear the costs of recording and settlement as is the custom in the State of Georgia.
- 6.5 <u>Seller's Obligations at the Closing</u>. At the Closing, Seller shall deliver to Escrow Agent the following:
- (a) <u>Deed</u>. A limited warranty deed, duly executed by Seller, conveying the Real Property in fee simple as contemplated by the Sale Order, subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.

- (b) <u>Bill of Sale</u>. A bill of sale, duly executed by Seller, transferring, conveying and assigning and warranting to Purchaser the Personal Property as contemplated by the Sale Order, subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.
- (c) <u>Foreign Person</u>. An affidavit or certificate duly executed by Seller certifying that Seller is not a "foreign person," as defined in the federal Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980, and the 1984 Tax Reform Act, as amended.
- 6.6 <u>Purchaser's Obligations at the Closing.</u> At the Closing, Purchaser shall deliver to Escrow Agent the following:
- (a) <u>Purchase Price</u>. The Purchase Price (less the amount of the Deposit, which shall be released separately by Escrow Agent to Seller), by wire transfer of immediately available funds.
- (b) <u>Evidence of Authority</u>. Such organizational and authorizing documents of Purchaser as shall be reasonably required by Seller authorizing Purchaser's acquisition of the Property pursuant to this Agreement and the execution of this Agreement and any documents to be executed by Purchaser at the Closing.
- (d) <u>Taxpayer I.D. Certificate</u>. A certificate duly executed by Purchaser certifying Purchaser's address and Taxpayer Identification Number and consenting to Seller's release of this information to any governmental authority.
- 6.7 <u>Commission</u>. Seller and Purchaser represent that there are no real estate brokers or agents of record in this transaction, other than DJM Realty ("<u>Seller's Broker</u>"), and upon Closing, Seller shall pay Seller's Broker a commission pursuant to a separate written agreement. Neither Seller nor Purchaser shall be responsible for any other real estate commissions or fees of any kind or nature whatsoever. Seller and Purchaser each agrees to hold the other harmless against any claim made for brokerage commissions or finders' fees resulting from such parties' actions in this transaction. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall survive the Closing.

7. RISK OF LOSS

7.1 <u>Condemnation</u>. If, prior to the Closing, action is initiated to take any material portion of the Property by eminent domain proceedings or by deed in lieu thereof, Purchaser may either at or prior to Closing (a) terminate this Agreement, in which case the Deposit shall be returned to Purchaser by Escrow Agent and neither party shall have any further right or obligation hereunder except for the Survival Obligations, or (b) consummate the Closing, in which case the award of the condemning authority

shall be assigned to Purchaser at the Closing, and there shall be no reduction in the Purchase Price.

- 7.2 <u>Damage to Property</u>. If, prior to Closing, any material portion of the Property is damaged, Purchaser may either at or prior to Closing (a) terminate this Agreement, in which case the Deposit shall be returned to Purchaser by Escrow Agent and neither party shall have any further right or obligation hereunder except for the Survival Obligations, or (b) accept the Property in its then condition and proceed with the Closing with a credit for any deductible (up to the amount of the cost of the required repair), but otherwise without any reduction in the Purchase Price and receive an assignment of all of Seller's right to any insurance proceeds payable by reason of such damage or destruction. If Purchaser elects to proceed under <u>clause</u> (b) above, Seller shall not compromise, settle or adjust any claims to such proceeds without Purchaser's prior written consent.
- 7.3 Non-Material Damage or Condemnation. If, prior to the Closing, any non-material portion of the Property is damaged or subject to a taking, Purchaser shall accept the Property in its then condition (with a credit for any deductible (up to the amount of the cost of the required repair) but otherwise without any reduction in the Purchase Price) and proceed with the Closing, in which case Purchaser shall be entitled to an assignment of all of Seller's rights to any insurance proceeds or any award in connection with such taking, as the case may be. If any such non-material damage or taking occurs, Seller shall not compromise, settle or adjust any claims to such insurance proceeds or such award, as the case may be, without Purchaser's prior written consent.
- 7.4 <u>Definition of Material</u>. For purposes of this <u>Section 7</u>, damage to the Property, or a taking of a portion thereof, shall be deemed to involve a material portion thereof if the reasonably estimated cost of restoration or repair of such damage or the amount of the condemnation award with respect to such taking shall exceed \$200,000.00 or affects any access to the Property.

8. DEFAULT

8.1 <u>Breach by Seller</u>. In the event that Seller shall fail to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for any reason, except Purchaser's default or a termination of this Agreement by Purchaser or Seller pursuant to a right to do so under the provisions hereof, Purchaser, as its sole and exclusive remedy, may terminate this Agreement and demand the return of the Deposit from Escrow Agent. In no event shall Purchaser be entitled to any remedy other than the return of the Deposit. Escrow Agent and Seller shall not be liable to Purchaser for any actual, punitive, speculative or

consequential damages. In no event shall Purchaser be entitled to the remedy of specific performance.

8.2 <u>Breach by Purchaser</u>. In the event that Purchaser shall fail to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for any reason, except Seller's default or a termination of this Agreement by Purchaser or Seller pursuant to a right to do so under the provisions hereof, Seller, as its sole and exclusive remedy, may terminate this Agreement and thereupon shall be entitled to payment of the Deposit from Escrow Agent as liquidated damages. Seller and Purchaser have made this provision for liquidated damages because it would be impossible to estimate more precisely, on the date hereof, the amount of actual damages for such breach, and because the parties believe that the Deposit represents a reasonable pre-estimate of Seller's probable loss in the event of Purchaser's breach. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Section 8.2 shall not limit or affect any of Purchaser's indemnities as provided in any other Section of this Agreement.

9. BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

- 9.1 <u>Generally</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the provisions of this Article 9 shall apply to the sale of the Property.
- 9.2 Filing a Sale Motion. The obligation of Seller to sell and convey the Property to Purchaser, and the obligation of Purchaser to purchase the Property from Seller, are subject to the condition precedent that the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order in the Bankruptcy Case (the "Sale Order") (i) approving this Agreement and the sale of the Property to Purchaser, free and clear of liens, claims and encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances, and (ii) authorizing Seller to consummate the transactions Promptly following the expiration of the Due contemplated by this Agreement. Diligence Period, Seller will file with the Bankruptcy Court a motion pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code seeking approval of, among other things, this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, bidding procedures and entry of the Sale Order (the "Sale Motion"). The Sale Motion shall be in form and substance consistent with this Agreement and shall be in a form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser. Seller shall be responsible for serving and providing notice of the Sale Motion.
- 9.3 <u>Entry of Sale Order</u>. The closing of the sale of the Property to Purchaser shall take place as provided in Section 6.1 above. Purchaser shall cooperate with the Seller in good faith to obtain entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Sale Order as soon as reasonably practicable.

- Termination. Purchaser acknowledges that the Seller intends to solicit "higher or otherwise better" offers for the Property, including entertaining other offers from competing bidders. To facilitate this process, Seller agrees to the following procedures for responding to other offers that the Seller may receive for the Property: (a) an initial minimum overbid for the Property of at least \$1,550,000.00 shall be required; (b) each initial overbid must be accompanied by a deposit in an amount equal to at least \$250,000.00 plus ten percent (10%) of the amount such overbid exceeds the Purchase Price; (c) each competing offer must have terms and conditions that are substantially identical to those set forth in this Agreement (except that no competing offer shall provide for any due diligence period or property inspection period); and (d) if an acceptable competing offer is received by Seller, Seller shall conduct an auction to determine the highest or best offer for the Property and Purchaser shall be entitled to participate in the auction. The last day for submission of higher or otherwise better offers will be fixed by Seller or established by order of the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, (i) Seller shall have the right to terminate this Agreement in order to permit Seller to accept a "higher or otherwise better" offer for the Property, and (ii) each of Seller and Purchaser shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if the Bankruptcy Court has not entered the Sale Order on or prior to October 30, 2009 (the "Outside Date"). In the event of a termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9, the Deposit shall be returned to Purchaser, Seller, upon Seller's receipt of an invoice from Purchaser, shall reimburse Purchaser for its actual, reasonable, verifiable and documented third-party out-of-pocket costs and expenses (up to the maximum amount of \$25,000.00) incurred by Purchaser in connection with Purchaser's review of the Property, including, without limitation, title and survey expenses, thirdparty report expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees (collectively, the "Due Diligence Expenses"), and neither party shall have any further right or obligation hereunder except for the Survival Obligations.
- 9.5 <u>Seller's Efforts.</u> Seller agrees to use its commercially reasonable good faith efforts to (a) seek Bankruptcy Court approval for any auction to be held on or about August 25, 2009, and (b) cause the Bankruptcy Court to hold the hearing approving or disapproving the Sale Order as part of the Omnibus Hearing currently scheduled on August 27, 2009.
- 9.6 <u>Alternate Bidder</u>. In the event Purchaser is not the highest or otherwise best bidder, but is the next highest or otherwise best bidder, Purchaser agrees to keep this proposal open until the closing of a transaction with the highest or otherwise best bidder and close with Seller if Seller does not close with such highest or otherwise best bidder; provided, however, if such closing does not occur on or before the Outside Date set forth in Section 9.4, Purchaser shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement. In

the event that Seller closes the transaction with the highest or otherwise best bidder, then this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, the Deposit shall be returned to Purchaser, Seller, upon Seller's receipt of an invoice from Purchaser, shall reimburse Purchaser for the Due Diligence Expenses (up to the maximum amount specified in Section 9.4), and neither party shall have any further right or obligation hereunder except for the Survival Obligations.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Notices. All notices, demands and requests which may be given or which are required to be given by either party to the other, and any exercise of a right of termination provided by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed effective either: (a) on the date personally delivered to the address below, as evidenced by written receipt therefore, whether or not actually received by the person to whom addressed; (b) on the third (3rd) business day after being sent, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the intended recipient at the address specified below; or (c) on the first (1st) business day after being deposited into the custody of a nationally recognized overnight delivery service such as Federal Express, addressed to such party at the address specified below. For purposes of this Section 10.1, the addresses of the parties for all notices are as follows:

If to Purchaser: BIKE ALERT – USA

1465 Trae Lane

Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122

Attention: Christakis Vassiliou Boyiantzeas

with a copy to: JAMPOL, SCHLEICHER, JACOBS & PAPADAKIS, LLP

11625 Rainwater Drive, Suite 350

Alpharetta, Georgia 30009 Attention: Michael Jacobs, Esq.

If to Seller: CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

P.O. Box 5695

Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5695

Attention: Vice President of Real Estate

with a copy to: CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

P.O. Box 5695

Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5695 Attention: General Counsel

and a copy to: MCGUIREWOODS LLP

One James Center 901 East Cary Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Attention: Matthew T. Gunlock, Esq.

The addresses to which notices and demands shall be delivered or sent may be changed from time to time by notice served, as hereinbefore provided, by either party upon the other party.

- 10.2 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof, and there are no oral or written agreements between the parties, nor any representations, promises or inducements made by either party relative to the subject matter hereof, which are not expressly set forth herein.
- 10.3 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the party or parties to be bound thereby.
- 10.4 <u>Heading</u>. The captions and headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not in any way limit, amplify, or otherwise modify the provisions of this Agreement.
- 10.5 <u>Time of Essence</u>. Time is of the essence of this Agreement; however, if the final date of any period which is set out in any provision of this Agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday under the laws of the United States, or the State where the Property is located, then, in such event, the time of such period shall be extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- 10.6 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- and inure to the benefit of Seller and Purchaser and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal and legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns. Purchaser shall not be permitted to assign Purchaser's rights under this Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of Seller. No assignment of Purchaser's rights hereunder shall relieve Purchaser of its liabilities under this Agreement. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of Seller and Purchaser; there are no third party

beneficiaries hereof. Any assignment of this Agreement in violation of the foregoing provisions shall be null and void.

- 10.8 <u>Invalid Provision</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws, such provision shall be fully severable; this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part of this Agreement; and, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision or by its severance from this Agreement.
- 10.9 <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. In the event it becomes necessary for either party hereto to file suit to enforce this Agreement or any provision contained herein, the party prevailing in such suit shall be entitled to recover, in addition to all other remedies or damages, as provided herein, reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in such suit.
- 10.10 <u>Multiple Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in a number of identical counterparts which, taken together, shall constitute collectively one (1) agreement; in making proof of this Agreement, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart with each party's signature.
- 10.11 No Recordation. Seller and Purchaser hereby acknowledge that neither this Agreement nor any memorandum or affidavit thereof shall be recorded of public record in any real property or other public records. Should Purchaser ever record or attempt to record this Agreement, or a memorandum or affidavit thereof, or any other similar document (which does not include any item for recordation with respect to the closing of the sale contemplated herein), then, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, said recordation or attempt at recordation shall constitute a default by Purchaser hereunder, and, in addition to the other remedies provided for herein, Seller shall have the express right to terminate this Agreement by filing a notice of said termination in the county in which the Property is located or otherwise as may be necessary to give public notice of such termination.
- 10.12 <u>Merger Provision</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any and all rights of action of Purchaser for any breach by Seller of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement shall merge with the Deed and other instruments executed at Closing, shall terminate at Closing and shall not survive Closing.

- 10.13 <u>Brokers</u>. Except as contemplated by Section 6.7, no commissions, brokerage fees, finders' fees, or other similar fees shall be due in connection with this Agreement.
- 10.14 Consent to Jurisdiction of Bankruptcy Court. THE BANKRUPTCY COURT WILL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL MATTERS, INCLUDING ANY LEGAL ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY RELATED AGREEMENTS OR THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS AND THE INTERPRETATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PARTIES HEREO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT AND CONSENT TO SUCH JURISDICTION.

Seller and Purchaser further agree that service of any process, summons, notice or document by U.S. registered mail to any such party's respective address set forth in Section 10.1 of this Agreement will be effective service of process for any action, suit or proceeding with respect to any matters to which it has submitted to jurisdiction as set forth above. Each of Seller and Purchaser irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of this Agreement in the Bankruptcy Court.

[SIGNATURE PAGE ATTACHED]

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EXECUTION VERSION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives as of the date set forth above.

SELLER

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., a Virginia corporation

By: Michelle O. Mosier
Title: V.P. and Controller

PURCHASER

AXION HOLDINGS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By:
Name:
Title:

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SELLER

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., a Virginia corporation

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

PURCHASER

AXION HOLDINGS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By:
Name: CHRISTANIS RASSILION POOYIAN TZEAS
Title: CEO

The escrow terms and conditions of this Agreement are agreed to and accepted this ___ day of August 2009. Notwithstanding anything contained within this Agreement, except for Escrow Agent's own negligence or willful misconduct, Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from any loss or impairment of funds that have been deposited in escrow while those funds are in the course of collection or while those funds are on deposit in a financial institution if such loss or impairment results from the failure, insolvency, or suspension of a financial institution.

ESCROW AGENT:	
Stewart Title & Guaranty Company	
By: Name: Title:	

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 250

1430 Cardwell Road

Crozier, Virginia 23039

The escrow terms and conditions of this Agreement are agreed to and accepted this 25 day of August 2009. Notwithstanding anything contained within this Agreement, except for Escrow Agent's own negligence or willful misconduct, Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from any loss or impairment of funds that have been deposited in escrow while those funds are in the course of collection or while those funds are on deposit in a financial institution if such loss or impairment results from the failure, insolvency, or suspension of a financial institution.

ESCROW AGENT:

Midtown Agency, Inc.

Title:

By: Tanks OC C. (

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 250

1430 Cardwell Road

Crozier, Virginia 23039

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 480 of the 18th District, 2nd Section, Douglas County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the easterly right of way of Maxhara Road (R/W varies) with the northerly right of way of Skyview Drive (80' R/W and varies); thence easterly a distance of 558.94 feet along the northerly right of way of Skyview Drive (80' R/W and varies) to a point; said point being the true point of beginning, thence north 10 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds west a distance of 68.74 feet to a point; thence north 27 degrees 45 minutes 18 seconds east a distance of 190.81 feet to a point; thence north 05 degrees 14 minutes 04 seconds west a distance of 257.67 feet to a point; thence north 42 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds east a distance of 72.08 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of West Corporate Court (80' R/W and varies); thence along said right of way northeasterly along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 75.00 feet a distance of 193.21 feet to a point, said arc being subtended by a chord north 45 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds east a distance of 144.05 feet; thence northeasterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 25.00 feet a distance of 24.32 feet to a point, said arc being subtended by a chord north 00 degrees 02 minutes 56 seconds east a distance of 23.37 feet; thence north 27 degrees 54 minutes 57 seconds east a distance of 83.89 feet to a point; thence departing the right of way of West Corporate Court south 62 degrees 05 minutes 03 seconds east a distance of 383.90 feet to a point; thence north 29 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 25.00 feet to a point; thence south 62 degrees 05 minutes 03 seconds east a distance of 216.99 feet to a point; thence south 12 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds west a distance of 59.58 feet to a point; thence south 12 degrees 08 minutes 01 seconds west a distance of 362.52 feet to a point on the northerly right of way of Skyview Drive (80' R/W and varies); thence along said right of way south 84 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds west a distance of 522.93 feet to a point; thence southwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1940.07 feet a distance of 179.62 feet to a point, said arc being subtended by a chord south 82 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 179.62 feet, said point being the true point of beginning.

Said tract contains 9.0240 acres.

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